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SUBJ: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR AND MRS. OEHLERT

1. I THINK YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE OEHLERTS SEEMED VERY PLEASED AND TOUCHED BY THE RECEPTION THEY RECEIVED IN PAKISTAN. THEY DEPARTED THIS MORNING FOR PEKING, AFTER THREE DAYS IN KARACHI, TWO IN ISLAMABAD, AND AN UNEXPECTED ADDITIONAL OVERNIGHT IN KARACHI, DUE TO PIA SCHEDULE CHANGE.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS, THEY WERE TREATED BY THE GOP AS STATE GUESTS. CARS WERE PUT AT THEIR DISPOSAL AND HOTEL LODGING WAS OFFERED IN KARACHI AND ISLAMABAD. IN ISLAMABAD, AMBASSADOR OEHLERT PAID CALLS ON FOREIGN SECRETARY AGA SHAHI AND DIRECTOR GENERAL (AMERICAS) KHURSHID HYDER, AND LAST NIGHT HAD A HALF HOUR PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. DURING ONE OF THEIR EVENINGS HERE, THE MFA PUT ON A VIP DINNER IN THEIR HONOR AT THE MINISTRY'S STATE DINING-ROOM. DURING DINNER, THE HOST, GENERAL RAZA (FORMER AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON), GAVE A SPEECH IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR APPRECIATION FOR AMBASSADOR OEHLERT'S PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN DURING THE DIFFICULT DAYS OF 1971/72.

3. FOR OUR PART, CONGEN KARACHI AND THIS EMBASSY TRIED TO BE AS HOSPITABLE AND HELPFUL AS WE COULD. IN KARACHI, THE OEHLERTS STAYED WITH THE MOORES, AND IN ISLAMABAD AT THE AMBASSADOR'S GUEST HOUSE; BOTH POSTS HELD RECEPTIONS IN THEIR HONOR. THE OEHLERTS HAD
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MANY FRIENDS IN BOTH CITIES AND OBVIOUSLY ENJOYED

RENEWING OLD ACQUAINTANCES.

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